£400 'BILL' FOR STUDENT WHO DIALLED WORLD

SOMEBODY, somewhere got a phone call from student Duncan Campbell . . .

But yesterday a court "reversed the charges" and fined him £200 with £200 costs.

For the somebody, somewhere, was somebody in Moscow . . . Melbourne . . . Washington . . . Virginia . . . and Los Angeles.

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And the 19-year-old Oxford graduate from 23 Strathearn Road, Dundee, was using the American "phreaking" system.

FIRST

Campbell, the son of Professor Archibald Campbell, who helped in the Tayside Development study, was the first person in Britain to be prosecuted for "phreaking."

He admitted two charges and asked for five others to be considered.

The court at Oxford was told that one of the calls was to a "house of ill repute" in Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Another was to a man called Vladimir in Moscow whom Campbell told:

"I'm phoning from London to express solidarities from the English Jewish students and we sympathise with you."

Mr Russell Harris, prosecuting for the Post Office, said in the early part of February it became obvious that illegal calls were being made from Oxford.

Engineers and investigators tracked them down as coming from two phones in St John's College.

Then, on a night in March, a policeman stopped Campbell carrying a hold-all as he left St John's.

In the bag were folders containing codes, the blue box, and a tape recorder.

The court heard that five Post Office engineers and investigators had spent a month on the case.

Duncan Campbell . . . spoke to Vladimir.

'Army' of youths attack buses

By PAT ROLLER

AN "army" of youths last night pelted two Corporation buses with missiles.

A window on one of the buses, a No. 28, was shattered as a bottle crashed through the glass, spraying the passengers with splinters.

One man on the top deck was hit by the bottle.

As the driver stopped the bus in Scaraway Street, at Skerry Street, Milton, Glasgow, the other passengers helped the injured man.

One passenger said later: "It was like an army on both sides of the street. They were throwing stones and bottles."

The injured passenger was taken to Stobhill Hospital.

Plea

GLASGOW'S Chief Constable has asked motorists to use the signposted traffic routes and car parks for today's Rangers v. Hibernians Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden Park.

Fran's geared up for a honeymoon

SUE and Fran Nowak prepare to leave for their honeymoon . . . after a last-minute wedding test.

But it earned them TWO licences—one for the marriage, and one for driving.

For 29-year-old Fran's driving test was booked for the same day as his register office wedding in Watford, Herts.

HE turned up, immaculate in morning suit and white carnation with "L" plates tucked under his arm.

Nervous

SHE turned up looking splendid in a long white period costume dress, with parasol, white lace hat—and fingers tightly crossed.

The wedding went off without a hitch.

But then as 24-year-old journalist Sue, of Watford, left with guests for the reception, scientist Fran and driving instructor Mick Jones drove the nine miles to the test centre at St. Albans.

There, after an hour's wait—and a mini-reception with a cup of hot sweet tea—the nervous bridegroom heard examiner Neil Cox say: "CONGRATULATIONS you've passed."

Cake

Back at Watford, the couple rushed into each other's arms . . .

And as they cut the cake the new Mrs Nowak said proudly:

"We now have a licence to do—well—almost anything . . ."

The box that beat the boffins

By KENELM JENOUR

THE secret code of the world's telephone systems was broken by phone "phreaks" just four years ago.

And the menace of international free calls grows daily . . . as more people learn to operate the amazing "little blue boxes."

In the mid-60s most countries converted their telephone equipment to a compatible system based on 12 tones.

And ever since, students skilled in electronic circuitry have been working to beat the system.

In 1968 they succeeded.

They discovered a fatal flaw. All the control signals, the 12 telephone tones which activate most equipment, come over the same circuit we use to make ordinary local calls.

Radio

Phone phreaks even know now how to call President Nixon on his private line in the White House, and how to "tap" into the President's own calls.

The blue boxes cost just an afternoon's work and anything from £5 to £25.

And they can be made from materials available at any radio supply store.

The phreaks recently made one more daunting discovery. They can criss-cross the world with calls. Taking up line after line, eventually blocking a city's entire long-distance circuit so that no-one else can call in or out.

A SHUT-DOWN BLOW TO 170

THE 170 workers in a foundation garment factory were told yesterday that the firm will close in a few months.

But the bosses of the Berlei factory in Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, said another firm plan to move in almost immediately and the jobs should be safe.

The Berlei firm, which mainly employs women, is to concentrate its production in Wales and England.

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